

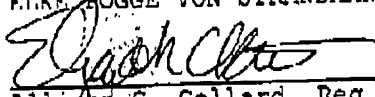
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the above identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claim 11 is in the application and has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-17 as being non-responsive to the last office action. The Examiner stated that a claim directed to a method of treating disorders characterized by a reduction in pigmentation comprising the administration of an effective amount of the protein DCoH would be allowable. Applicant has amended claim 11 accordingly, and has canceled claims 12-17.

Applicant submits that claim 11 is patentable over the prior art, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance of the amended claim is respectfully requested.

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